

REMARKS

By this response, an election is made, the specification has been revised, and new claims 38-41 have been added prior to the first examination on the merits of this application.

First, Applicants wish to again traverse the restriction requirement made against claims 34 and 35. In the previous response, Applicants argued that the reasoning for restricting claims 34 and 35 from claims 1-33 was in error since the Examiner failed to define mutually exclusive species. In the response to this traversal, the Examiner contends that the Applicants' argument was that an undue burden would not be imposed on the PTO by examining claims 34 and 35 with claims 1-33. The Examiner's interpretation of Applicants' argument is in error. Therefore, a proper restriction requirement should be made with respect to claims 1 and 34/35 or the restriction requirement between claims 34 and 35 and claim 1 be withdrawn.

Secondly and as per the Examiner's request, the specification has been revised to include the chemical formulas for the various claimed compounds.

Third, new claims 38-41 are added, wherein the other carboxylic acids of benzoic and salicylic acid of claim 5 are combined with the elected species of alcohol (claim 4) and carboxylic acid (claim 5). These claims are based on the combination of claims 1 and 5 as originally filed and no new matter is introduced by this submission.

Fourth, in response to the restriction requirement, the following table is provided to detail the election of species for the various claims identified in the

Office Action. To summarize, it is submitted that claims 1-33 and 38-41 read on the elected species and that the examination should take into account the elected species of the dependent claims as outlined in the following table.

Examiner's Claim Groupings	Species Elected	Listing of Claims Readable on Elected Species
1 and 4	benzyl alcohol	1-33, 38-41
1 and 5	2-furan carboxylic acid	1-33, 38-41
6-10	C6-C10 alkyl, 3.5 moles of ethylene oxide (EO) alcohol ethoxylate	6-10 with claim 6 being generic to the elected species
11-13	1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid	11-13 with claim 11 generic to the elected species
14-18	dodecyl benzene sulfonic acid	14-18 with claim 14 being generic to the elected species
22	phosphoric acid	21-22 with claim 21 being generic to the elected species
23-26	1,2,3 benzotriazole	23-26, with claim 23 generic to the elected species
28, 29	sodium xylene sulfonate	28, 29 with claim 28 being generic to the elected species
30, 31	Glycol	30, 31 with claim 30 being generic to the elected species

Applicants also traverse the species election requirement as it applied to claims 1 and 4, claims 11-13, and claims 28 and 29. Only one species is claimed in each of these three sets of claims so it is not understood how claims 1 and 4, claims 11-13 and claims 28 and 29 are drawn to a plurality of

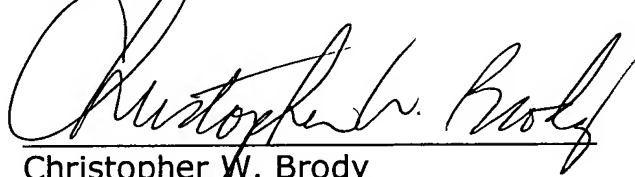
aromatic alcohols, cation sequestering agents and hydrotropes, respectively. Clarification of the election of species in this regard is requested.

Applicants also acknowledge the Examiner's indication that if claim 1 is allowed, the restriction requirement related to the methods of use of the solution of claim 1 will be withdrawn so that the method of use claims would be issued along with the patentable solution claim.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

A check in the amount of \$200.00 is attached for the 4 new claims, however, please charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-1088 and credit any overpayment of fees to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,
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